

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

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Subject (in full) Anti-Japanese Boycott and Local Japanese Industrialists and Merchants.

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Acting upon the instructions of the Officer i/c Special Branch, I interviewed Mr. Yoshida, manager of the Mitsubishi Bank and concurrently Vice-Chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and several other prominent members of the Chamber with the object of confirming the report published in the Shanghai Nichi Nichi of August 6, 1931 regarding certain resolutions passed at a meeting held at the Japanese Club at 2.30 p.m. August 5, 1931. They admitted that members of the Friday Association, which was organized in 1926 by leading Japanese industrialists and merchants to counteract the activities of the Chinese anti-Japanese Association, called the meeting to discuss measures to be adopted by local Japanese to counteract the Chinese anti-Japanese boycott. They were, however, reluctant to disclose the nature of their discussions and the text of their petition which they have submitted to Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Minister, on the ground that it was decided at the meeting not to communicate the text of the petition with any other than the authorities concerned.

Further enquiries made in this connection show that, after a lengthy discussion on the draft of petition to be submitted to the Japanese Government, recommended by the Special Committee of the Association, it was decided to accept it, after altering certain points.

On August 8, 1931 Mr. Yonesato, the Chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, visited the Japanese Consulate-General and submitted to Mr. Shigemitsu, a petition, which is reported to contain the following requests:-

1. That the Municipality of Greater Shanghai and the Public Safety Bureau be requested to issue

August 6, 1931. Hearing Translation.

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ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT AND LOCAL JAPANESE INDUSTRIALISTS

The Shanghai Kieh-Nichi publishes the following report:-

At 2.30 p.m. yesterday local Japanese industrialists and merchants held a meeting at the Japanese Club to discuss the text of their petition drafted by the Special Committee and to adopt measures to counteract the Anti-Japanese boycott by the Chinese. The feelings of those attending the meeting became inflamed when they learned the news of fresh seizures at Pootung. After a lengthy discussion on the recommended measures to be adopted to counteract the Chinese anti-Japanese boycott, recommended by the Special Committee, it was decided to accept them, after altering certain points. It was also decided to submit the petition to-day or tomorrow to Mr. Shigemitsu, Charge d'Affaires, and Mr. Murai, Japanese Consul-General, in the name of the Japanese Industrial Association and to Japan in the name of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

The petition contains the following requests:-

1. That the XX Municipality and the Public Association

2. That dissolution of XXX be demanded.

3. Self protective measures against XXX.

4. XXX against detention of Japanese goods.

It was also decided to maintain very close observation over the lawlessness of the Anti-Japanese Association.

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